

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on February 6, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only.

They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 284, 1/25/2007; SB 345,
1/26/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan

HEARING ON SB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:54 **SEN. LYNDA MOSS (D), SD 26**, opened the hearing on **SB 284**, Revise allocation of bed tax and taxes on rental cars.

00:07:35 Sen. O'Neil arrived

00:07:50 Sen. Perry, Co-Sponsor SB 284

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:54 Mike Shoals, resident of Gallatin County

EXHIBIT(los26a01)

00:15:34 Ellen Crane, Butte, Citizens Cultural and Aesthetics Trust Committee

00:18:31 Cindy Andres, Convention and Visitor Director, Bozeman

00:21:00 Mary Oliver, Southwestern Montana

00:23:27 Dyani Bingham, Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance

00:27:10 Rhonda Fitzgerald, Art of Whitefish Downtown Association

00:29:10 Sen. Williams arrived

00:30:47 Mark Browning, Miles City

00:32:52 Kathy Lear, Paris Gibson Square Museum

00:35:15 Gayle Fisher, Executive Director, Russell Country Tourism Board

00:36:29 Jane Hamman, AAA Mountain West

00:37:20 Cher Jeston, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance

EXHIBIT(los26a02)

00:40:06 Carl Kochman, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:42:01 Brenda Peterson, CEO, Wendt Advertising, Great Falls
00:43:53 Mike Penfold, Our Montana
00:45:13 Howard Bogus, Self
00:46:22 Stan Ozark, Glasgow
00:48:18 Jeff Welsh, Mercury Advertising, Bozeman
00:51:56 Marti Bara, Helena, Montana Innkeepers' Association
00:53:17 Chuck Hunter, Montana Cultural Advocacy
00:54:19 Tucker Hughes, County Commissioner, Judith Basin
00:54:55 Carl Schweitzer, representing Bozeman and Kalispell
00:55:15 Jay Robson, Car Renters Association
00:56:01 Linda Haines, Glacier County Regional Tourism
00:59:51 Jack Clarkson, West Yellowstone
01:00:53 Jim Shea, Executive Director of Custer Country

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:10 David Ewer, Budget Director, State of Montana
01:10:04 Sen. Esp, SD 31
01:11:49 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

01:12:55 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:02 Sen. Murphy to Mr. Shoals
01:19:12 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Moss

01:22:16 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Perry

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:41 Sen. Moss

01:28:49 Break

01:39:28 Comments by Chairman Gillan

HEARING ON SB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:40:28 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB 345**, Waterway setbacks for construction.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:28 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(los26a03)

01:54:52 Matt Clifford, Staff Attorney, Clark Fork Restoration

01:57:48 Hal Harper, Representing the Governor's Office

02:00:40 Edward Olwell, Bitterroot Chapter of Trout Unlimited

02:03:59 Kathleen Driscoll, Realtor, Bitterroot Valley

EXHIBIT(los26a04)

02:07:54 Karl Christians, Association of Montana Flood Plan
Manager

EXHIBIT(los26a05)

02:10:14 Karen Boyd, AGI

EXHIBIT(los26a06)

02:11:44 Brett Tudsbury, Realtor, Gallatin Valley

02:13:47 Jim Klug, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(los26a07)

02:15:58 Paul Robertson, Business Manager, Park County

EXHIBIT(los26a08)

02:17:52 Rick Smith, Realtor, Polson

02:19:26 Jack Mouer, Bitterroot Valley Outfitter

02:20:42 Ira Holt, Montana Wildlife Federation

02:21:49 Larry Peterman, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT(los26a09)

02:22:13 Richard Parks, Gardiner

EXHIBIT(los26a10)

02:22:55 Anna Peterson, self

02:23:13 Lynda Saul, Governor's Task Force for Riparian
Protection

EXHIBIT(los26a11)

02:23:38 Laurence Siroky, DNRC

EXHIBIT(los26a12)

02:23:43 Tim Davis, MSGC

EXHIBIT(los26a13)

02:23:47 Sara Cobler, MCV

02:23:59 Scott Bosse, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

02:24:15 Derf Johnson, Montana DIRG

02:24:17 Mark Aagenes, Self

02:24:25 Don Judge, Montana Chapter Sierra Club

02:24:36 Stan Frasier

Opponents' Testimony:

02:25:32 Andy Skinner, Helena

02:29:11 Steve Skinner, Helena

02:32:26 John Sherve, Stevensville

02:34:48 Dan Flynn, Resident of Canyon Ferry Lake

02:35:20 Bill Pierce, Member, Powell County Planning Board

02:37:05 Chip Pileman, Bitterroot Valley

02:39:23 Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association

02:42:09 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT(los26a14)

02:45:53 Clint Brown, Hydrologist, Ravalli County

02:49:35 Dustin Stewart, Home Builders' Association

02:50:14 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers' Association

EXHIBIT(los26a15) to be provided tomorrow

02:52:10 Jason Todd, Montana Logging Association

02:52:52 Mike Murphy, Montana Resources Association

02:54:19 Bob Greil, Landowner, Bonner

02:56:40 Marylou Hauck, self

EXHIBIT(los26a16)

02:57:01 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

02:57:12 Liane Taylor, Realtor, Lewis and Clark County

02:57:24 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau

02:58:10 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractor's Association

02:58:30 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

02:58:50 Jim Hollenback, Mineral County

02:58:59 Don Allen, WEATA

02:59:10 Sen. Laible, SD 44

[EXHIBIT](#)(los26a17)

Informational Testimony:

02:59:59 None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:00:11 Sen. Esp to Sen. Hawks

03:01:01 Sen. Esp to Hal Harper

03:10:35 Sen. Laible to Clint Brown

03:14:36 Chairman Gillan to Sen. Hawk

Closing by Sponsor:

03:18:46 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:21 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([los26aad.pdf](#))